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Dear Ms. McNamee:

We have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by your office as well as a slightly modified one provided by the Department of Ecology, State of Washington and appreciate the efforts made to accommodate us in this matter. However, we do not feel that a M.O.U. is necessary at this time.

The enclosed letter to Russel Weyer, Hazardous Site Control Division, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, EPA, Washington, D.C., signed by H C Cox, Regional Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, WR requests that we be removed from the Super Fund list in that we believe many of the original computations were either inaccurate or incorrect. The letter further states that ARS resources will be used to conduct the soil sampling and additional work if needed in order to satisfy State and Federal Waste Regulations.

We feel that we are demonstrating a willingness to ensure the laboratory at Yakima meets state and federal standards that apply to agricultural research facilities. For these reasons it is felt that our enclosed letter serves the purpose of the two draft MOU's sent to us.

You can be assured we will continue to cooperate with State and Federal authorities until the matter is settled to our mutual satisfaction.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrative Officer

Enclosure

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